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68th Citizens Police Academy class graduates with 100% enrollment

The 68th Citizens Police Academy class will graduate On Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at APD Headquarters, 715 East 8th Street. The 18 citizens graduating will receive diplomas from Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo. This is the first time the CPA class has had 100% enrollment in the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA).

The Citizen's Police Academy is an eleven-week program designed to give the public a working knowledge of the Austin Police Department. Each session consists of eleven consecutive Tuesday night classes at City of Austin facilities. The instruction is comprehensive and each week separate areas of the department are covered.

Cadet Training, Bomb Squad, Robbery, Homicide, Use of Force, Internal Affairs, Vehicular Homicide, S.W.A.T., Forensics, Recruiting and meeting the Chief are examples of some of the topics that are covered. Instruction consists of lectures, demonstrations, tours, and riding with a police officer on a ten-hour shift.

The slogan of the Citizen's Police Academy is "*Understanding through Education*". The goal is to educate the public about the Austin Police Department and to increase the rapport between citizens and police officers.

In addition to CPA graduates, 20 volunteer Communication Facilitators will graduate. Volunteer Communication Facilitators are citizens that volunteer their time as translators for officers when needed.

**Citizens Police Academy Graduation
Austin Police Department Headquarters
Tuesday, May 19, 2009
6:30 p.m.
715 East 8th Street**

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